# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dakota Access, LLC Dakota Access Pipeline Project Siting Application Case No. PU-14-842

## **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY REGULAR MAIL**

## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

John Hamre deposes and says that:

he is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2016,** he deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **six** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

#### **Letter Regarding Conflict of Interest**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Brian R. Bjella Blain Johnson Crowley Fleck PLLP P.O. Box 2798 Bismarck, ND 58502-2798 Attorneys for Dakota Access, LLC

Matt J. Kelly, Attorney at Law Tarlow and Stonecipher, PLLC 1705 West College Street Bozeman, MT 59715 Attorney for Intervenors Douglas Ferebee, *et al.* 

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The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2016.** 

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GERALYN R. SCHMALTZ Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Oct. 5, 2016

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COMMISSIONERS

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Executive Secretary Darrell Nitschke

January 11, 2016

Darrell Nitschke Executive Secretary ND Public Service Commission 600 E Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Dakota Access Pipeline, Case No. PU-14-842

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In April, 2015, I notified the Commission by letter of certain facts related to a potential conflict of interest in Case No. PU-14-842 (Dakota Access Pipeline Project). Also in that letter, I notified the Commission of my conclusion, at that time and based on those facts, that existing circumstances did not constitute a conflict of interest. I noted in that letter that because I saw no conflict or potential conflict, I would not recuse myself at that time from further participation in the case.

The current letter is to notify the Commission and all involved that certain facts have now changed causing me to reconsider the conflict of interest issue in this case. Based on these changed facts, I am now recusing myself from further participation in the case.

Dakota Access LLC has entered into negotiations with my mother-in-law to acquire an easement to allow them to alter their route and place the pipeline on her property for approximately 2755 feet. My mother-in-law has also recently conveyed the property in question to my wife and sister-in-law and reserved a life estate for herself.

Sincerely,

Randy Christmann Commissioner

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